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Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center
August 25-27, 2004



Tentative Agenda:

Wed., Aug. 25, 2004

7:15 a.m. Continental Breakfast
8:00 a.m. Registration Desk Opens
8:30 a.m. Opening Remarks
9:00 a.m. General Assembly Speaker (Governor Warner Invited)
10:00 a.m. Morning Break with Exhibitors
10:30 a.m. General Assembly Speaker (Dick Rutan)
12:00 Noon Lunch with Speaker
1:30 p.m. Virginia Aviation Board Meeting
1:30 p.m. Land use (breakout)
2:30 p.m. Afternoon Break with Exhibitors
3:00 p.m. GIS (breakout)
6:00 p.m. Host Airport Reception

Thurs., Aug. 26, 2004

7:45 a.m. Continental Breakfast
8:00 a.m. Registration Desk Opens
9:00 a.m. Virginia Aviation Board Meeting
9:00 a.m. Potomac Tracon (breakout)
10:00 a.m. Morning Break with Exhibitors
10:30 a.m. Controlling Airport Wildlife (breakout)
11:30 a.m. Lunch
1:00 p.m. Golf Tournament
Visit Market Square (on your own)
6:30 p.m. Consultants Reception
7:30 p.m. Virginia Aviation Awards Banquet

Fri., Aug. 27, 2004

7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Virginia Aviation Board Meeting
12:00 Noon Conference adjourns

This meeting of airport managers, sponsors, consultants, government officials and others with an interest in aviation in Virginia features a Virginia Aviation Board meeting, special speakers and exhibitors.

The Virginia Aviation Awards Banquet, which honors those who have made significant contributions to aviation in Virginia.

The conference will also feature **Dick Rutan** as the guest speaker during the general assembly portion of the conference.

Rutan made history in December of 1986 after completing a nine day, three minute and forty-five second round-the-world flight, setting an absolute world's record that still holds today.

Visit the Department of Aviation's website www.doav.state.virginia.gov for the most up-to-date Conference schedule information.

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Web site provides tips to speed airport screening

As Americans prepare for their summer vacations, officials at the Transportation Security Administration are hoping they will also make a brief visit to the agency's web site (www.tsa.gov).

"There are all kinds of tips for dressing smart and packing smart," said John Lenihan, TSA's federal security director at Washington Dulles International Airport. The information is designed to reduce confusion and delays at security checkpoints, and prevent travelers from being asked to voluntarily surrender their belongings before continuing to their flights.

The 43 carriers that use Dulles handle more than 800 daily flights to 134 domestic and international destinations. That means screeners have to process about 20,000 pieces of luggage and check an estimated 30,000 passengers each day.

Officials contend that screenings during off-peak hours should take less than 10 minutes, while during peak travel times they may take up to 30 minutes. According to Lenihan, since passenger screening was intensified following the 9/11 terrorist attacks, officials have worked to make the process more efficient by altering the queue system used to direct passengers toward metal detectors and X-ray machines.

"Passengers voluntarily are surrendering items that are restricted,"

Lenihan said, standing next to a table piled high with items collected this month. The most potentially dangerous items included kabob skewers, a circular saw blade, a fishing knife and a torque wrench.

The contraband also included ammunition, a large number of cigarette lighters, fireworks and items Lenihan classified as "hazardous materials."

But frustration at the checkpoints has produced a windfall of abandoned watches, costume jewelry and keys. A child's safety seat and a metal walker were also on display.

"In their haste to get through the screening process, they lost those items," said Lenihan. The TSA is now working with airport operators to encourage passengers to place such items in a labeled plastic bag inside their carry-on luggage to reduce the chance of their being left at the airport.

According to Lenihan, while people who frequently travel for business know what to expect, vacation travelers who fly only a few times each year can face delays, often caused by footwear. The problems stem from metal shanks within the soles of many shoes. Screeners also are trained to check shoes with unusually thick soles that might conceal dangerous items.

"We'll process you more efficiently if you remove your shoes," said Lenihan. (Source: Associated Press)

Roanoke Regional Receives upgrades From US Airways and Northwest Airlines

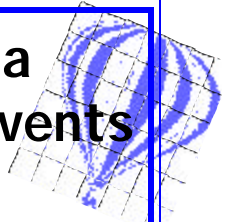
Passengers now have even better options when flying to New York and Detroit out of the Roanoke Regional Airport.

Recently US Airways Express began providing an additional non-stop flight to New York. At the same time, Northwest AirlinK replaced one of its

two remaining turbo prop flights to Detroit with a 50-passenger Canadair Regional Jet. Northwest AirlinK now offers three regional jet and one turbo flight per day to and from its Detroit hub.

The Roanoke Regional Airport (**Roanoke** cont on pg. 3)

Virginia Aviation Events



June 16, 2004 Virginia Aviation Board Meeting will be held beginning at 9:00 a.m., Massey Building Board Room, 5707 Huntsman Road, Richmond International Airport (next to the Virginia Aviation Museum). For additional information contact Carolyn Toth, Administrative Assistant, at 804-236-3637.

July 27-August 2, 2004 EAA AirVenture will be held at Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

August 14, 2004 6th Annual Air Show and Fly-In will take place at Tazewell County Airport. For more information contact Buford Cordle, Jr. at (276) 963-4509 or mgr6v3@netscope.net.

August 25-27, 2004 Virginia Aviation Conference will be held at the Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center. More details as cover story.

September 4, 2004 12th Annual Louisa County Air Show will be held at Louisa County Airport/Freeman Field from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Aerobatic performances, airplane rides, skydivers, and aircraft exhibits. Free admission. A fun-filled family event. For more information contact Dawn Pickhardt at (540) 967-0050.

September 5, 2004 New Kent County Airport Air Show and Fly-In. Please contact Airport Manager Bill Kelly at (804) 932-3984 for more information.

September 18-19, 2004 8th Annual Virginia State EAA Fly-in at Dinwiddie County Airport (PTB). Full range of activities including pancake breakfast each day, forums, vendors, special kids tent and activities and an afternoon air show. Over 600 planes will fly-in including homebuilts, antiques, classics, war birds, ultralights and powered parachutes. Under-the-wing and RV camping available. This is a super family event and Virginia's largest fly-in. For more info visit www.vaeaa.org or call 804-358-4333.

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Independence Air Is Officially “Open For Business” at FLYi.com

Airline to Launch Service From Washington Dulles to 35 Destinations This Summer - Low Fares, 300 Daily Flights Will Turn Dulles Into America's Largest Low-Fare Hub

Independence Air announced today the 35 destinations that will be served by its new low-fare flights this summer from Washington Dulles International Airport. The inaugural Independence Air flights will take off on June 16th, with new service to East Coast and Midwest destinations launching throughout June, July and August. By summer's end, the airline will offer 300 daily departures from Washington Dulles, making it the largest low-fare hub in America.

As of May 19th, all flights to all destinations are now available for sale on the Independence Air website at FLYi.com. All fares are sold one-way and a Saturday night stay is NOT required for any fare. Seat assignments can be reserved at the time of booking and flights are not overbooked.

Fares from Washington Dulles are low—as low as \$39, \$49, \$59, \$69 or \$79 one-way, depending on the destination. Web users who visit FLYi.com and sign up for a free membership to the iCLUB frequent flyer program will receive an additional \$25 off their first round-trip.

Chairman and CEO Kerry Skeen said, “People have told us they are tired of getting ripped off by airlines that charge too much and have complicated rules and restrictions. We agree that it's time for a change. At Independence Air, the fares we show you are not just some introductory or sale fares that are gone by the time you try to make a reservation. And we're not afraid to show you our lowest and our highest fares—so you can be sure you'll never be gouged, even when you have to book at the last minute.”

All flights this summer from Washington will be aboard newly-upgraded 50-seat iJETs with all-leather slimline seats that provide more leg room than ever before. These aircraft offer several distinct advantages for travelers:

—Fast boarding and deplaning—even the last row clears in just a few minutes
—Planeside carry-on baggage check-in—leave your carry-ons at the doorway of the aircraft and they'll be there waiting for you when you arrive

—No middle seats—everyone gets either an aisle or window seat

Independence Air will also begin

adding 27 brand new 132-passenger Airbus A319s at Washington Dulles this fall. The Airbus aircraft—scheduled to launch in November—will allow Independence Air to offer low-fare service non-stop from Washington to major destinations in Florida, the Midwest and across the country to the West Coast. Independence Air plans to add live satellite TV in every seatback of its Airbus aircraft early next year. With the addition of the A319s, the Independence Air fleet will operate a fleet of over 110 jet aircraft.

Parent company Atlantic Coast Airlines Holdings, Inc. (Nasdaq: ACAI) is based in Dulles, VA and employs over 4,100 aviation professionals. Later this year, the company plans to change its name to FLYi, Inc., and its ticker symbol to FLYI.

Independence Air is the low-fare airline that makes travel fast and easy for its customers with a customer-first attitude, innovative thinking and a willingness to challenge the status quo.



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Commission is very encouraged by the actions of US Airways Express in restoring a third nonstop flight to New York. This also reflects the community's strong support for the service, says Jacqueline L. Shuck, Executive Director of the Roanoke Regional Airport Commission. Equally important is how Northwest Airlink has chosen upgrade its service in Roanoke, by providing 75% of their flights on regional jets out of the Roanoke Regional Airport.

US Airways is the nation's seventh-largest airline, serving nearly 200 communities in the U.S., Canada, Europe, the Caribbean and Latin America. US Airways, US Airways Shuttle and the US Airways Express

partner carriers operate over 3,300 flights per day. For more information on US Airways and US Airways Express flight schedules and fares, contact the airline online for more info at www.usairways.com.



Northwest Airlines is the world's fourth largest airline with hubs at Detroit, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Memphis, Tokyo and Amsterdam, and approximately 1,500 daily departures. Northwest and its travel partners serve nearly

750 cities in almost 120 countries on six continents. For additional information on fares and schedules for Northwest and Northwest Airlink Airlines, visit the airlines online at www.nwa.com.

Passenger terminal at Roanoke Regional Airport.

Virginia Airport Operators Council awards Lillard Aviation Scholarship

Jodi Balido, a senior at The Aviation Academy, an aviation magnet program at Denbigh High School and Newport News/Williamsburg International Airport, is the recipient of the 2004 John R. Lillard Scholarship. The \$1500 scholarship, sponsored by the Virginia Airport Operators Council (VAOC), is awarded to a Virginia high school senior who excels academically and has been accepted into a post secondary program that will prepare them for an aviation career. An exceptional student, Jodi has been accepted for enrollment in the aerospace engineering program at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona, Florida.

Presentation of the award was made at an evening ceremony held May 20 at the Aviation Academy's airport campus. Ken Brammer, of Delta Airport Consultants and Betty Wilson, of the Vir-

ginia Department of Aviation represented the VAOC at the event.

The mission of the Virginia Airport Operators Council is to promote the interests of airports in the Commonwealth of Virginia through legislation, regulatory compliance, and education. Its members are airport managers, sponsors, and others involved in the operation of Virginia's public-use airports.

The scholarship is named in honor of the late John R. Lillard, a dedicated aviation professional and member of the Virginia Airport Opera-

tors Council, whose career included positions with Eastern Airlines, Chesterfield County Airport, and Richmond International Airport.



Ken Brammer of Delta Airport Consultants and Betty Wilson with the Dept. of Aviation presented the award to Jodi Balido.

Orange, Culpeper land grants

Two county airports get FAA grants

Pilots will be able to more efficiently taxi off the runways at two Fredericksburg-area airports thanks to recent federal grants.

Orange County Airport has been awarded \$945,000 to construct a new taxiway, and Culpeper Regional Airport will receive \$675,000 to connect two parking areas just off its taxiway.

The Federal Aviation Administration awarded money as part of roughly \$35 million in grants to 17 Virginia airports. The largest grant, \$14.8 million, went to Richmond International Airport.

"Many local airports are vital to the economy of their surrounding areas," said Sen. George Allen, R-Va., announcing the federal grants in a prepared statement recently. "It's important to keep these airports in top condition so they

can continue to generate business and create jobs while maintaining a standard of excellence in safety and service."

Orange County Airport will use its funding to build a taxiway parallel to its runway. This will allow pilots to land on the runway, turn and use the taxiway to get to the terminal, said Tina Hannah, airport manager.

Currently, they have to taxi back down the runway to get to the terminal. On busy days, pilots sometimes have to circle the airport until the runway is clear, she said.

"It definitely will improve the airport," Hannah said.

Branch Highways of Roanoke has been awarded the contract, which should be completed in about six months. The runway will be closed pe-

riodically during construction, she said.

About 200 airplanes use Orange County Airport during the summer, and most of the traffic is on weekends. It's biggest customer is Skydive Orange, which is next door.

The taxiway is part of a six-year capital improvement plan that includes building a new terminal next to Skydive Orange—so it is not so close to State Route 20, repaving the runway and adding perimeter fencing.

"The FAA wants us to close it off so it doesn't look so tempting [to terrorists]," Hannah said.

Culpeper Regional Airport will use its funding to link two asphalt parking areas, each of which has its own ramp onto the taxiway. This will allow pilots

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VOAC Spring Workshop recently held

The Virginia Airport Operators Council (VAOC) recently held their annual Spring Workshop and Meeting in Charlottesville. This meeting of Virginia airport operators, members from the Virginia Department of Aviation and other state and federal officials is held to allow the organization to address aviation issues, new regulations, and procedures.

This year's meeting focused on a number of topics. Topics included dumping sumped fuel - with members from the Virginia Department of Environmental, Department of Aviation and EEE Consulting, an environmental consulting firm. Another topic focused on the changes in Airspace Requirements for Terminal Area Procedures. Topics were also discussed concerning new FAA funding legislation, the impacts on State funding as well as common pitfalls that can affect the project's ability to compete. Other topics included an update on General Aviation Security and Marketing & Public Relations for Your Airport.

The VAOC would like to recognize the sponsors for the workshop. They included the Virginia Department of Aviation, Campbell & Paris Engineers, Delta Airport Consultants Inc., Gresham, Smith & Partners Inc., HNTB Corporation, Odell Associates, Robinson Aviation Inc., and Talbert & Bright Inc.



Virginia Aviation Board allocates funds to Commonwealth's airports

At its bimonthly meeting held in Charlottesville, the Virginia Aviation Board (VAB) approved tentative allocations for nine of the Commonwealth's airports from the Commonwealth Airport Fund, totaling \$497,148. **Receiving one of the largest allocations was Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport, in the amount of \$204,326 for Air Carrier Apron Rehabilitation (design/construction), General Aviation Apron Expansion and Rehabilitation (design/construction) and Air Carrier Access Road – Entrance and Directional Signs (design/construction).** Other airports receiving allocations from the VAB were:

- **Twin County Airport** in the amount of \$64,000 for Terminal Building (design) and Airport layout Plan (ALP) Update;
- **Culpeper Regional Airport** was awarded \$4,400 for Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) Update;
- **Luray Caverns Airport** was allocated \$9,122 for Terminal Area Parking (construction) and Apron Expansion – Phase 2 – Increase
- **Stafford Regional Airport** was awarded \$32,000 for T-Hangar #1 Site Preparation – Increase;
- **Winchester Regional Airport** was allocated \$55,300 for T-Hangar Site Preparation (construction) – Change in Scope – Increase;
- **Hummel Field** in the amount of \$6,800 for Ground Communications Outlet (GCO) (design/construction);
- **Chesterfield County Airport** was allocated \$64,000 for T-Hangar-Taxiway Connector (design);
- **Emporia-Greenville Regional Airport** was awarded \$41,600 for Drainage Rehabilitation Study.

In other significant action, the VAB also allocated \$25,000 from the Aviation Promotion/Air Service Development and Enhancement Grant-in-Aid Program to three of the Commonwealth's airports.

- **Culpeper Regional Airport** was awarded \$3,500 for Aviation Promotion;
- **Franklin Municipal Airport** in the amount of \$1,500 for Aviation Promotion;
- **Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport** was allocated \$20,000 for Air Service Development.

The Virginia Aviation Board has eight members representing seven regions. The Board approves funding requests brought to it by the Virginia Department of Aviation, a state agency working to support and promote commercial and private aviation interests for the Commonwealth's 67 public-use airports.

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to enter or exit the parking lot from either ramp and provide about 20 additional tie-down spaces.

"It's important to us because the airport is overflowing with airplanes," said Frank Bossio, Culpeper County's administrator.

The airport currently has space for 145 airplanes, and there are 100 more

on its waiting list.

The parking lot project will go to bid soon, and should be completed by January, Bossio said.

Culpeper also is extending its 4,000-foot runway by an additional 1,000 feet. This will allow corporate jets to use the airport. The project should be finished next month, Bossio said.

(Source: The Free Lance-Star)

D & D Turbines ready to serve at Culpeper Regional Airport

D & D Turbines, LLC is proud to announce the opening of their new Pratt & Whitney PT6 Turboprop Hot Section, Repair & Overhaul Facility. Their FAA Repair Station and Fly-in Hangar are located at the Culpeper Regional Airport (CJR).

Their Service Center is a 2400-square-foot facility which was designed and built from the ground up to provide their customers with top quality work-

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Although D & D Turbines is a new facility, it is not lacking in experience and expertise. The owners of D & D Turbines, Rich (Deke)



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Deke earned his A&P license from East Coast Aerotech in 1973. For the past 30 years he has worked directly in maintenance as Technical Service Manager,

Shop Manager, Inspector, Lead Technician and Technician. Deke brings to D & D Turbines his vast experience in PT6 Maintenance Repair, Overhaul and Overhaul Testing. More recently, he has consulted with several facilities to assist in the opening of other FAA Part 145 PT6 Repair Stations. He also has written a Continuous Maintenance Pro-

gram for the PT6 engine gaining FAA approval.

John earned his A&P license from Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics in 1985 and spent the next 4 years working directly with commuter airlines as mechanic, lead mechanic and supervisor. The following 6 years he worked at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Services West Virginia, in sales administration and technical sales. Taking his experience, John started a PT6 engine and aircraft business in which he has been working the past nine years.

Call D & D Turbines at 1 866 DND JETS or 540 829 6200 to speak to their experienced technicians about your next Hot Section Inspection, Repair or Overhaul. They are available 24 hours a day 7 days a week to service their Virginia customers.

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(CAN), and you can too.

CAN makes it easy. Using a proprietary and secure computer program, CAN volunteers match flights to patient requests, do all the paperwork and make all the arrangements. Call (914) 328-1313 for more information. For a current list of patient "rides needed," please visit: www.corpangelnetwork.org/corporate/seats.



The Eighth Annual Virginia State EAA Fly-In

When: September 18 & 19, 2004
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Saturday
8:00 AM - 3:00 PM Sunday

Where: Dinwiddie County Airport
Petersburg, VA

General Information

- Pancake Breakfast (*all you can eat*) 8:00 - 11:00 AM Sat. & Sun.
- The Forums and Workshops are being finalized for this year
- Past Forums and Workshops
 - Aircraft Covering Workshop
 - Sheet Metal Workshop
 - Flight Testing
 - Ercoupes
 - Caring for Propellers and Engines
 - Sport Pilot Rule-making & Fat Ultralights
 - Vision Guidelines for the Aviator
 - SR-71 Blackbird forum and Update on the opening of the Smithsonian Udvar-Hazy Center

- Air Show 1:00 - 3:00 PM Sat. & Sun.

• Charlie Kulp - The Flying Farmer has demonstrated his "inability" to fly over 700 times in the past years. A good sense of humor and a little yellow plane have helped this bumbling farmer create thrills and laughter for thousands of air-show spectators. His able steed is a standard 65 hp. Piper J-3 Cub, unchanged since its manufacture in 1946. Charlie celebrates over 60 years of flying. He has performed from Canada to Florida, and as far west as Oshkosh, WI. Internationally, Charlie has entertained at airshows in Great Britain. Charlie is a member of the board of Directors for the Virginia Aviation Historical Society and was inducted into the Virginia Aviation Hall of Fame on November 8, 1997.

• Split Image - Pitts Aerobatic Team features an intricate series of aerobatic maneuvers in close formation flying the world famous Pitts Aircraft. Flying lead, in a red 260hp Pitts S2S is Ron Saglimbene, and flying wing, in a blue 260hp Pitts S2B is Ron Spencer, both from New Jersey. Both pilots have been flying many years and hold awards for aerobatic competition flying.

• Charles Schwenker - Extra 300 Aerobatics of Cascade Aerobatics will be flying in his exciting Extra 300. Charles has been on the airshow circuit many years with a Pitts S-1 and his Extra 300. His many exciting aerobatic maneuvers will be sure

to be a crowd pleaser.

• Bill Finagin started flying at age 17, and today has over 8000 hours as an aerobatic instructor. He has a single engine land, multi-engine land, single engine seaplane, instrument, commercial, helicopter, and flight instructor license. Bill gained a national reputation for spin training, and training pilots to recover from unusual attitudes and emergency situations. He has had over 10 articles published on spin training and how to recover from inadvertent spins. He occasionally conducts week end spin training seminars, which are always over subscribed. He will perform in his magnificent Panzer One. The aircraft is made of carbon fiber and is the most high-tech light aircraft available today at any price. Powered by a Lycoming 4 cylinder engine of over 230 hp, and a fiber composite propeller from Germany, the aircraft easily exceeds 210 miles per hour during straight and level flight.

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Hometown Flyer Back Home After Deployment

Combat Flag Presented from mission in Afghanistan

In a previous issue of *Virginia Aviation* we wrote about Rex Swetnam, a Williamsburg resident, who was about



to leave Ft. Hood, Texas for Afghanistan. He was on a six-month deployment flying AH64 Apache Attack helicopters and he was part of a task force that involved many other aircraft.

Rex has made it back to Williamsburg safely and recently pre-

sented Charles Macfarland and the Department of Aviation with an American flag which he flew with him during one of his combat missions while in the active "Combat Zone" of Afghanistan. Rex and Charles are cousins and they kept in contact during Rex's deployment through e-mail and correspondence with Rex's wife Catherine.

Rex speaks highly of his wife Catherine, and 7-year-old daughter Rachel, and he considers them his rock and foundation. Although the separation from family and his company was difficult, he states, 'we are needed over there and I was ready for the challenges of serving my country.'

"They have been wonder-

ful throughout this ordeal. I know they had their moments but they both know what is at stake for our country right now," said Swetnam. "Between my family, my mother and father, Catherine's family, friends, and relatives praying for my safe return, I consider myself a very lucky man to have been given this opportunity."



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